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Applicants : Barbara J. Winslow and Mark D. Coopman, 2000
U.S. Serial No.: CPA of 09/303,040 Examiner: H. Mark
Filed : Herewith Group Art Unit: 1645
For : RECOMBINANT VIRUS EXPRESSING FOREIGN DNA
ENCODING FELINE CD80, FELINE CD86, FELINE
CD28, FELINE CTLA-4 OR FELINE INTERFERON- γ AND
USES THEREOF

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Preliminary Communication accompanies a continued prosecution application (CPA) of U.S. Serial No. 09/303,040 filed April 30, 1999. An Office Action was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 4, 2000 and a response was originally due January 4, 2001. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from January 4, 2001 to April 4, 2001. The fee for a three-month extension of time is EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS (\$890.00) and a check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Thus, a response to the October 4, 2000 Office Action is due April 4, 2001. Applicants are filing this CPA in lieu of a response to the October 4, 2000 Office Action. Accordingly, this CPA and Petition are being timely filed.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Preliminary Communication or the accompanying Continued Prosecution

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Application, he/she is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

No fees, other than the \$890.00 three-month extension of time fee, the \$180.00 claims fee, and the \$710.00 CPA filing fee, is believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication and CPA request. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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